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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STEPHEN & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, 1, Queen's Gate, E.C. BATES BLEND & CO., 37, Wigmore, E.C. SAMUEL LEVISON & CO., 150 & 154, New Bond Street, W. M. WILLIS, 151, New Bond Street, E.C.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMEREE PRINCE & Co., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

CEYLON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY'S CO., Colombo.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAVAGE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINSSEN & CO., Manila.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$7,500,000
Reserve Fund.....\$4,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—M. GROTE, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.
Hon. J. BELL IRVING, Esq.
W. H. F. DABY, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
Hon. A. P. MCOWEN,
Esq.
Hon. A. M. MOYER, Esq.
H. HOPFUS, Esq.
Hon. F. D. SASSON.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Treasurer—THOMAS LATTON, Esq.
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai—EVAN CAVILLON, Esq.
London BUREAU—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Local Bills Discounted.
Credit given on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drawn on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 26, 1887.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.; Saturdays, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

2.—Some less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make and countersign themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1883.

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Intimations.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE Public are hereby warned that some EXPERIMENTAL PRACTICE from an 8th Howitzer will take place on MONDAY, the 4th Instant, between the hours of 3.30 and 5.30 p.m., from a position near STANLEY (Race Course) GUN in the direction of Deep Water Bay and Middle Island.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 1st April, 1887.

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NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1887.

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NOTICE.

WE Have This Day REMOVED to the

1ST FLOOR of No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD, opposite our Old Offices.

DENNYS & MOSSOP,
Solicitors & Notaries.

Hongkong, March 26, 1887.

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NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

Seven per Cent. Silver Loan of 1886.

LOAN 'E.'

FIRST HALF YEARLY DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the stipulations contained in the Bonds of the Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid at Par at the Shanghai Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and at other offices of the Bank at the current rates of Exchange for demand bills on Shanghai on the 31st day of March, 1887, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of HERBERT MATTHEW BEVIS, Esquire, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

15 BONDS, Nos.—

245 1035 1351 1897 2518

864 1152 1616 1933 2671

936 1291 1781 2354 2939

For 250 Shanghai Taels each=3,700 Shanghai Taels.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

H. M. BEVIS,
Chief Accountant.

Countersigned,

A. B. JOHNSON,
Notary Public,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1887.

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CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SEVEN PER CENT. LOAN OF 1886.

LOAN 'E'

FIRST HALF YEARLY DRAWING.

THE INTEREST due 31st day of March instant, on the above LOAN, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be Paid at the Office of this CORPORATION on and after that date.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

Agents Issuing the Loan,

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 30, 1887.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

JAPAN! JAPAN! JAPAN!!

KUHN & CO.,

JAPANESE FINE ART GALLERY,

Opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL,

REOPENED.

BEG respectfully to announce that they will CLOSE their HONGKONG ESTABLISHMENT, and to avoid responsibility and expenses they will offer:

FOR 10 Days only,

their ENTIRE STOCK for Cost in Japan.

Wholesalers, Buyers, Shippers, and Captains will do well to make use of this favourable opportunity.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION is

also to call particular attention to their GRAND ASSEMBLY of the Celebrated JAPANESE LEATHER PAPER

for Wall or other Decorations. The Paper is highly embossed in almost all colours of elegant antique designs; it has the advantage over all other Wall Decorations previously introduced on account of its lasting durability; and it is non-arsenical. It is Damant, Waterproof and Washable.

600 different Patterns in 100 different colours to select from. Orders for the above received and Patterns shown to the 25th April only.

Hongkong, March 29, 1887.

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NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr. GEORG THEODOR SIEMSEN in our Firm ceased on the 24th November, 1886, and that of Mr. PAUL GERHARD HUBB on the 31st December, 1886.

Mr. JACOB RUFF has been authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration from this date.

SIEMSEN & CO.,

Hongkong and China,

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
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Business Notices.



CIGARS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S SPECIAL BRAND 'THE MANILAS.'

LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE.—REINA VICTORIA, BREVES, LONDRES, PRINCESAS, DAMAS, PERLAS, CORTEZ DE LA REINA, REGALIA OLICHA, REGALIA ORIENTE, NUEVO HABANO EXTRA.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

THE THIRD PERFORMANCE
OF THE SEASON,
BY
THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC
CLUB
will take place on
WEDNESDAY,

the 13th April, at 9 p.m.,
when will be produced a Comedy by
WILLIAM BROOK,
entitled:

'A COMICAL COUNTESS,'
AND
H. J. BYRON'S COMEDY IN 3 ACTS,
entitled:
'OLD SOLDIERS.'

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs.
Lane, Crawford & Co., on and after
Monday, 4th April, at 9 a.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Dress Circle and Stalls, .82;
Back Seats, .81.

H. M. THOMSETT,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 30, 1887.

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To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL.

THIS EVENING,
SATURDAY, April 2nd, 1887,
3rd REPRESENTATION OF
CHARLES F. WEBB'S
CELEBRATED
FANTOCH MARIONETTES.

TUESDAY EVENING,
the April 5th, 1887,
Under the distinguished Patronage and
Providence of

His Excellency the ADMINISTRATOR AND
MRS. MARSH.

When will be presented a Complete
CHANGE OF PROGRAMME,
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD,
(The Charm of the Household).

New Songs, Dances, New Ballads,
New Tricks, and the
most Brilliant Transformation Scene over
seen in Hongkong.

Reserve Seats at KELLY & WAUGH, Ltd.,
PHIL H. KIRBY, Manager.
Hongkong, April 2, 1887.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
Yvette.

Commandant LORIER,
will be despatched for
SHANGHAI on MONDAY, the 4th Inst.,
at Noon.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 2, 1887.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
Talis.

Commandant PAUL,
will be despatched for
KOBE and YOKOHAMA on MONDAY,
the 4th April, at 4 p.m.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
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NOTICE.

RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 2, 1887.

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NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE,
ITALIANA

(FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES)

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY,

Having connection with Company's
Mail Steamer to

COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MESSINA, NAPLES, (LEGHORN),
AND GENOA.

Also to MARSEILLES, & MEDITE-
RANEAN, AFRICAN, LEVANTINE and

SOUTH AMERICAN POETS, up to CALIFORNIA
and CARGO AT THROUGH ROUTES TO
MADAGASCAR, PERSIAN GULF and

BAGDAD.

The Co.'s Steamship
Archimede.

Captain CANAPE, will be
despatched for the above
on THURSDAY, the 7th Instant, at
noon.

The Steamer has an ample Accommodation
for Passengers and carries a Doctor
and Stewardess.

For further Particulars regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 2, 1887.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Stocks.

No. of
Shares.

Date.

Paid-up.

POSITION PER LAST REPORT
Balances, &c.

Last Dividend

Closing Quotations,
Cash.

APRIL 2, 1887.

BANKS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.

50,000

1/2 all

\$ 4,503,000

\$ 25,313.43

at 30 for 4 years

147% prem.

INDIA CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

5,000

2/4 all

\$ 10,700

\$ 406,132.00

Ths. 20 p.m.

183/100

Ths. 265 per share

1/2 prem.

CHINA INSURANCE CO., LTD.

10,000

2/4 all

\$ 614,000

\$ 314,012.96

Scd. 183/100

85

1/2 prem.

CHINA TRAILER INSURANCE CO., LTD.

10,000

2/4 all

\$ 188,000

\$ 494,400.00

Scd. 183/100

65

1/2 prem.

CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

1,000

1/2 all

\$ 38,711.50

\$ 125,771.29

Scd. 183/100

282

1/2 prem.

CHINA TRAILER INSURANCE CO., LTD.

1,000

1/2 all

\$ 1,000,000

\$ 3,267,408.75

Scd. 183/100

75

1/2 prem.

CHINA TRAILER INSURANCE CO., LTD.

1,000

1/2 all

\$ 612,500

\$ 243,731.45

Scd. 183/100

27

1/2 prem.

CHINA TRAILER INSURANCE CO., LTD.

1,000

1/2 all

\$ 7,713.40

\$ 30,000.00

Scd. 183/100

22

1/2 prem.

CHINA TRAILER INSURANCE CO., LTD.

1,000

1/2 all

\$ 200,000

\$ 75,832.52

Scd. 183/100

50

1/2 prem.

CHINA TRAILER INSURANCE CO., LTD.

1,000

1/2 all

\$ 10,000

\$ 11,414.40

Scd. 183/100

50

1/2 prem.

CHINA TRAILER INSURANCE CO., LTD.

1,000

1/2 all

\$ 170,000

\$ 105,000

Scd. 183/100

48

1/2 prem.

CHINA TRAILER INSURANCE CO., LTD.

1,000

1/2 all

\$ 127,320

\$ 115.13

Scd. 183/100

48

1/2 prem.

CHINA TRAILER INSURANCE CO., LTD.

1,000

THE CHINA MAIL.

SUCCESSFUL FLOATING OF THE HONGKONG LOAN.

We are indebted to His Excellency the Acting Governor for the following copy of a telegram received from London this morning:

"Loan £200,000 very successful. Realized 14/9 over par."

Though this loan has just been issued more than half of it will be at once absorbed in the repayment of overtrades which the Colony has made on the Crown Agents, and for which it will have to pay interest at the bank rate from day to day. The rate of interest which was fixed for the loan was 4%.

FRAGANT WATERS MURMURS That this week's proceedings in the Legislative Council have been more animating than the community has been accustomed to for some time past.

That the ruling mind in the discussions was that of the Chief Justice.

That his Honour was strong on the declaration of his independence.

That whether speaking as an independent member or on behalf of the Government, the Executive could not have found an able or more enthusiastic advocate.

That his qualification of his institution against the opium dealers was as near to an orthodox amende honorable as it well could be.

That his sarcastic allusions to the "deserted village" conjured up by the counsel for the petitioners were very bitter, and thoroughly deserved.

That the whole-cast scheme is as much a pet of his Honour, if not production, as of Mr Russell.

That it is very gratifying to see our two judges, who are men of conspicuous ability, working so harmoniously together.

That all will agree with me in wishing that such brotherly love may continue.

That all will also join with the senior non-official member in wishing Sir George and Lady Phillips bon voyage.

That next to the Opium Bill, the ordinances for exalting the French and German mail steamers above our own have attracted most attention in legislative matters.

That if the unofficial members and the Chamber of Commerce do not adopt the suggestions of the Chief Justice to address a united memorial or protest against these measures and stir up the other colonies to do likewise, they will not deserve the name of guardians of British interests.

That this seems the only way to get rid of what is undoubtedly obnoxious legislation.

That Murray Pier should be draped in sack-cloth and sprinkled with ashes when our leave-of-absence, draw-salary-for-nothing Governor returns.

That those who subscribed ten dollars to the "send off" are deserving of the sincerest commiseration.

That the feeling of disgust at the behaviour of the "Ancient Greek" is deep-seated and general.

That what we want is a Governor who can and will work.

That it is pleasant to turn from the contemplation of this picture and look on the one provided by the appointment of Dr Stewart.

That every one is pleased that the Dr has accepted the Colonial Secretaryship, an honour which he thoroughly deserves.

That there seems some chance of a worthy scheme for the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee falling through.

That the Right Honourable will no doubt try to make sufficient capital out of it to raise a baronetcy, don't you know?

That Hongkong would not have grudged him the honour if he had stayed at home.

That the Bishop is not sufficiently popular to take the lead in any movement of this kind, and if he wishes any scheme succeeds he should keep in the background.

That this may be news to the Bishop, but it is nevertheless a fact.

That the able Engineer-in-chief of the Customs having indicated the best and cheapest plan for masking the Gap Rock, the work should be put in hand at once, and that failing anything more suitable we might devote the Jubilee fund to his purposes, calling the light, the "Jubilee Light."

That the light will benefit all classes either directly or indirectly, no doubt please the Queen and be a permanent memorial worthy of a scarring race.

That the whistle nuisance is again cropping up, and requires the application of strong coercive measures.

That perhaps, the Water Police will take the hint, remembering that a few stiff fines will help to fill the "tum-kat" which causes the Treasurer so poignant grief at trouble.

That the Peik trayaway at last begins to approach the working stage, but that a section of the misinformed public think that it will be necessary to run a few cars full of and labelled "Directors."

That this nervous state will soon be passed and that people will take to the car like young ducks to water.

That the unofficial members should stick to the Praya Extension Scheme until it is agreed to, when the low level tramway will rival its mountain brother.

That German ships, German iron and German gear, generally, have had a glorious fair show in the East of late and that our German friends will doubtless take

their lesson to heart us the Chinese have done theirs.

That German fire insurance offices have also had a pretty lively time of late, and that they might find it to their interest to have a volunteer fire brigade to engage in friendly rivalry with our own red coats. That if Sir George Bowen brings with him a few of the guns and torpedo-boats which are so long in coming, Hongkong may not feel so unkindly towards him.

That the s'ight spurt in Banks, mentioned last week as consequent on a few shares being required for the end of month settlements, proved, as was feared, of but temporary duration and the stock is now back 4 per cent. and not strong at the decline.

That Jackson, the great-hearted, is once more up and his very presence is sure to send Banks up.

That Docks have suffered even a more material decline, the reports of but comparatively small earnings for March and little new work coming in playing into the hands of the "Boars," who were able to pick up the balance of the shares they required for the end of March Settlements on easy terms.

That the immediate prospect ahead is one of gradual decline to a possible 10%, unless something intervenes to agitate favourably affect the shares and help the bulls.

That Sugars declined a point or two on last week's closing rates, but with the new month have again advanced and are very firm for reasons not altogether apparent, except that of rumours of short selling for the end of April and March.

That Steamboats have come into demand at some eight per cent. advance and appearances point to greater improvement before long.

That Penjongs continue to fluctuate slightly and are now firmer at the enhanced quotations and it should not be long now before something definite is heard in regard to the future prospects of the company.

That Godowns are strong and the Chairman's views of good prospects seem likely to be verified.

That the ranks of the sharebrokers continue to be swelled, but there seems to be a living for all, while some do more than well.

THE POSSESSION OF ARMS CASE.

The case of the opium dealer and two cargo boat owners who are charged with being in possession of arms contrary to Ordinance 6 of 1887 was continued before Mr MacLean at the Police Court to-day.

Inspector Hayller—On the 31st March, about 1.30 p.m., I went down to Gibbs Wharf, when I saw two cargo boats lying alongside the wharf, Nos. 347 and 357. After waiting there for a short time Chief Inspector Horapool came. He asked me to act as interpreter and find out who was the owner of the arms and the opium and board the junk. The first defendant came forward and said he was the owner. He said the opium was worth about \$15,000. It was all in mat bags and calico bags. Some were in possession of the man in the boat and some were lying in the boat. I took charge of the opium, arms and the junks. I found in all 33 rifles, 22 in one boat and 11 in the other. I did not examine them at the time. They were in the custody of the police since. I examined some of the guns afterwards. Some of the rifles were in the hold and some were brought out by different men or being demanded by me. I did not search the boat. The man of the boat was so full of meat I could scarcely lift it. I did not search for any ammunition.

Chief Inspector Horapool—Ammunition was found. One of the police searched and found it on some of the men.

Mr Webb asked for a further remand and that the trial should be returned. He had applied to the Captain, Superintendent of Police, who said he must first get an order from the Supreme Court.

Mr Mackean—The case is not disposed of yet.

Mr Webb—What has the opium to do with the arms. The Police have illegally taken away this opium and I ask that it be immediately restored.

Mr Mackean then remanded the case and told Mr Webb he would give him an answer shortly.

The case of one of the 127 men was then called.

Chief Inspector Horapool—The prisoner with 126 men is charged by order of the Government with carrying arms in contravention of Ordinance 6 of 1887, section 3. When the order was given to retain the boat he was found on board the boat by the Water Police and brought to the Station.

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Chief Inspector Horapool—This man was brought from the Water Police about 9.30. He was remanded a revolver and cartridges were found in his possession.

Inspector Stanton said he was present when the prisoner was searched and saw the revolver and ammunition taken from him.

Chief Inspector Horapool—This man claimed the revolver and the revolver.

Inspector Cradock said the prisoner was searched at Tsim-Tsui Station, but nothing was found in his possession.

Mr Webb remanded the man but the offence was not so serious as to warrant his being tried.

Mr Mackean then adjourned the case for an hour to enable him to consult as to his defence.

On the case being called in the afternoon, Mr Webber discharged the prisoner and ordered that their property be restored to them. Mr Horapool said that he would not deliver the opium before getting an order from the Supreme Court. The case regarding the junks is remanded till Monday, and in the

meantime the junks will remain in the custody of the Police until the case is decided.

HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Held under the Laws of the Amateur Athletic Association—Open to all gentlemen amateur who are Members or Visitors of the Hongkong Club, the Club Germania, the Hongkong Cricket Club, the Victoria Recreation Club, the Ladies' Recreation Club, and Commissioned Naval and Military Officers.

Entered by His Excellency the Administrator Hon. W. H. Marsh, C.M.G., His Excellency Vice-Admiral R. Gordon Cameron, C.B.; Sir George Phillips, Knt., Commissioner Moran, R.N.; Mr. G. A. Brumwell, Esq.; Mr. J. C. B. Trottier, Esq.; Mr. G. P. Chater, Esq.; Mr. C. F. Cook, A.C.G.G.; W. H. F. Derby, Esq.; Mr. J. M. Evans, Capt. McMurdo; Capt. Mr. G. G. Grose, Esq.; Mr. H. Hopps, Esq.; Lt.-Col. H. H. Jackson, Esq.; Major S. G. L. Mackay, Esq.; S. E. Sheldon, Esq.; Major Stevens, Colonel F. Storke, R.A.; Hon. G. O. Thompson, R.N.; J. Walter, Esq.; Mr. G. A. Travers, Esq.; Mr. G. W. Thompson, Esq.; A. M. S. 12 yards, 14.1 seconds.

Winner at last Meeting—C. S. Barff, 5 foot 3 inches, penalised 2 inches; B. M. Braga, 5 foot 1 inch. (Dead Heat).

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THE CHINA MAIL.

THE FRENCH AND GERMAN MAIL STEAMER ORDINANCES.

The following is the continuation of the report of the discussion on the Ordinances for assuring to the French and German mail steamers the status of men-of-war. Referring to Mr. Ryrie's objection that these steamers might evade an action for damages.

The Chief Justice said—The objection of the hon. member (Hon. P. Ryrie) would apply with much greater force to French men-of-war, but no man-of-war has ever refused to enter an appearance in an action in Admiralty.

Hon. P. Ryrie—I don't know that. But owners of British steamers feel themselves aggrieved. They don't see why they should not get the same privileges. There is no reason for it. We have not even a Postal Convention with Germany. These are only merchant steamers subsidized. So are the American mail steamers. Why don't they get the privilege?

His Excellency—There is no convention with America.

Hon. P. Ryrie—There is no convention with Germany.

A King Attorney-General—I read the despatches, I think it was in September last, or August, when I introduced the first Ordinance relating to the German mail steamers, and I pointed out then that all these assurances were given.

Hon. P. Ryrie—*I* beg to propose we do not go into Committee to day.

Hon. A. P. MacEwan—I second that. I think a short Ordinance could be introduced with reference to the detention of prisoners on board these steamers which would be sufficient. We may as well give these privileges to the French and German steamers more than to the Italian, Austrian, and American mail steamers I don't see.

Hon. P. Ryrie—The Attorney-General said that English steamers in French ports had the same privileges, but I have been told the contrary by the agent of the P. & O. Company.

The Acting Attorney-General—I believe the matter arose from the P. & O. Company claiming the privilege in French ports before the French had any mail boats at all coming to English ports. I am not sure, but that is my impression.

The Convention relates to the steamers of both powers, and they have exactly the same rights.

Hon. A. P. Chater—Being assured by the Attorney-General our mail steamers enjoy similar privileges in French ports.

The Acting Attorney-General—I move that we go into Committee, and there is an amendment by my hon. friend (Hon. P. Ryrie) that we do not go into Committee.

Hon. A. P. Chater—*I* beg to propose, for the removal of the clause in the Bill, that we do not go into Committee.

Hon. P. Ryrie—The agent told me no.

The Acting Attorney-General—I expressly consulted the Convention.

Hon. J. Bell-Irving—I think if the Ordinance is to be passed it would be better to pass it from year to year.

His Excellency—I am simply acting under the instructions of the Secretary of State. I shall be happy to forward any observations of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Chief Justice—As to the purpose of the Ordinance, our hands are tied, by virtue of a treaty, and that that treaty is abrogated we would put the Government into a very awkward position if we refused to pass the bill. What complaints were made that manifested in the French Government, and said they would have to proceed to a revision of the Convention unless the cause of the complaints was removed. The French removed all grounds of complaint; consequently the revision of the treaty was not insisted on. The Convention is still in force and in it England undertakes that the French mail steamers shall have the status of men-of-war in all English ports. It seems to me it is not for me to attempt to prevent the British Government carrying out the engagement which they have entered into, but, if we have any remonstrance to make to forward those remonstrances to the English Government and ask them to consider the objections of ours. But it must be remembered that the convention applies to subjects of the highest importance and I think it would be an inconvenience to revise it until there was good reason shown.

Representatives of the respective powers have to be appointed, then they have to meet, to submit their conclusions to their Governments, and those have to be approved. All this takes time and expense, and if it is all for a simple matter of this kind relating to something the Government has promised and which they honestly adhere to it seems to me we would be asking a great deal to much.

Hon. P. Ryrie—I suppose the Chief Justice resolved the case of the Are and Ron?

The Chief Justice—I was not here. It was in Sir John Smale's time, but they have given an engagement it shall not occur again.

Hon. P. Ryrie—I was told by a letter afterwards the action of the captain was approved of.

The Chief Justice—Quite so. The position of the Government was this. The Government had entered into a treaty. It was not binding on us, unless we consented to it. The Government cannot by treaty with a foreign power impose conditions on her Majesty's subjects. However, if necessary it might be done by Order in Council, but they leave it to us. They say, 'We have entered into the engagement; all we want you to do is give us the power to carry it out.'

His Excellency—Does the hon. member wish his amendment put?

Hon. P. Ryrie—I think it very difficult that the recommendation of the Chamber should be placed on record.

Hon. A. P. Chater—*I* beg to move that that resolution on the table; if you wish I will add the latter home.

The Acting Attorney-General—I move that we go into Committee, and there is an amendment by my hon. friend (Hon. P. Ryrie) that we do not go into Committee.

Hon. A. P. Chater—*I* beg to move that the amendment be carried.

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Chief Justice—Then you can remonstrate.

Hon. P. Ryrie—Could you put in this Bill, that if there is any refusal to comply with a legal demand these privileges shall be annulled?

The Acting Attorney-General—No, I did not object to this. In fact, I am not able to positively answer that, because we have no convention with Germany, as far as I am aware, similar to the French one, in which these privileges are expressly stipulated for.

His Excellency—But the Bills are quite separate. In this Bill we are dealing with the French vessels only. Does the hon. member's amendment apply to the German and the French?

Hon. P. Ryrie—I was intended for both, but the amendment of my objection is removed when I am assured our steamers have the same privileges.

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